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## BROTHER IS INDIGNANT

Postmaster of Crabtree Makes Sensational Charges Against Asylum Authorities.

### PATIENT DIES OF NEGLECT

Alleged That Inmates of Asylum Have Not Proper Care—Governor Asked to Investigate.

The Eugene Register prints the following sensational arraignment of the state asylum authorities, made by W. J. Turnidge, whose brother died recently in the asylum:

Tortures and abuse of helpless and sick inmates of the Oregon asylum for the insane are alleged by Postmaster W. J. Turnidge of Crabtree, Linn county, who openly alleged that inmates are "left to beat themselves against walls and iron bedsteads, and to be locked in a room to die alone, with no more thought or compassion than is bestowed on a horse or a dog."

Postmaster Turnidge, who is a Crabtree merchant, has made formal complaint to Governor Chamberlain against the alleged abuses, which he says were called to his attention during the illness and death of Joseph Turnidge, his brother, at the asylum during August. He has also appealed to County Judge C. H. Stewart of Linn county, and with tears streaming from his eyes related to Judge Stewart a story of alleged abuse of the asylum inmates. The complaint to Judge Stewart was particularly directed at the treatment alleged to have been endured by Joseph Turnidge.

Postmaster Turnidge wrote Governor Chamberlain, asking him to investigate conditions at the asylum, shortly after the death of Joseph Turnidge. He says he received a reply from the governor, stating that the matter would be attended to at once. He now writes an open letter, in which he makes public his sensational charges against asylum officials, and describes the case of his brother as illustrative in these words: "On Friday, August 5, Joseph P. Turnidge was stricken violently ill, due to overwork and overheat in the harvest field.

"On Saturday, August 13, he was committed to the insane asylum from Albany. Thursday, August 19, we received word that he was very low; that his recovery was regarded doubtful, and so on.

#### Hurried From Room.

"I started immediately, and found him unconscious and lying chilled with cold, nothing on his body but a thin cotton shirt, and only one blanket spread over him. The doctors and attendants allowed me only a few moments in his room, then hurried me out and locked the door. I left then, but returned at 7:30 p. m., and found my brother conscious and perfectly rational. He begged me to take him home. When asked if he was cold, he said yes. His hands and feet were cold as clay. I told the doctor so, and asked for more cover, but he said it was unnecessary and would be in the way, and also said it was better not to talk to the patient, and insisted that I could not remain with him, as I had asked permission to do, as the rules of the institution prohibited it, and the door was closed and locked.

#### Alleges Terrible Condition.

"I left the wretched place, but telephoned twice during the night, and was told each time that he was better; but at 4:40 a. m. I received word that he had died at 4:30. When I arrived at the asylum the body had been sent to the morgue, and a more grewsome sight my eyes never beheld. Clad in the thin cotton gown, his body all covered with bruises, his mustache matted together with the phlegm, and his face most filthy from his inability to care for himself and neglect of the attendants to assist him, was the condition in which we found him.

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tion in which we found him. I was obliged to bring him home in this unsightly condition—to mother, friends and loved ones waiting there.

"Thus we realize the neglect, the abuse and the tortures that are inflicted on the inmates, who are left to beat themselves against the walls and iron bedsteads; to call for friends and be denied them; and last, to be locked in a room to die alone, with no more thought or compassion than is bestowed on a horse or a dog."

### TRAIN AND TRACK.

Franklin, N. H., has a trackless trolley line.

The Southern Pacific railroad bed is being oiled, 4,000 gallons of oil a mile being used.

The amount of wages and salaries paid to railroad employees in the United States during the year ending June 30, 1903, as reported, was \$757,321,415.

The New York Central railroad has increased the number of trains and reduced the fares at such points as it comes in competition with electric lines.

An electric third rail system that is claimed to be safe and trustworthy has been invented by a Chicago man. By means of his device, in which the third rail is inverted and practically hidden from view, the inventor declares it impossible for persons or animals to come in contact with the charged rail.

### ANIMAL TALES.

Richard Moore, a yachtsman of Bath Beach, N. Y., recently lassoed a shark six feet eight inches long which weighed 225 pounds.

At one set of her seals on her recent mackerel trip off No Man's Land the schooner Vera caught in the meshes five little sea horses, each about two inches long.

A Waterville (Me.) man while on a drive through the woods near Petties pond, in Wiscasset, Me., saw a coal black fox. The animal did not appear to be disturbed by the presence of human beings, but gazed about for some time in apparent unconcern.

In the waists and coats of the new gowns, as far as they have been seen, the tendency is toward small waist effects. The waist line, which has dropped so unnaturally for such a long time, will be molded closely to the figure, thus increasing the size of the hips.

### RECENT INVENTIONS.

A Joliet man has invented a process for making steel beer kegs, using old rails.

A twenty-six inch umbrella that will fold up and go in an inside pocket without crowding has been invented and constructed by a Minneapolis man.

An Austrian has invented safety reins for runaway horses, by means of which two small rollers can be made to press the horse's windpipe when desired. The animal must stop at once for want of breath.

Lieutenant Turc of the French military marine has invented a new type of ship which does not roll or pitch. The hull is entirely submerged like a submarine, and it supports two vertical shafts, on which are built the decks or ship proper, with its engines and living accommodation.

#### The Test.

False teeth, I guess, will be all right if the dentist will but fit 'em. So that, when angry passions rise, They'll stand for me to grit 'em. —New Orleans Times-Democrat

#### A Boy's Wild Ride for Life.

With family around expecting him to die, and a son riding for life, 18 miles, to get Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, W. H. Brown, of Leesville, Ind., endured death's agonies from asthma; but this wonderful medicine gave instant relief and soon cured him. He writes: "I now sleep soundly every night." Like marvelous cures of consumption, pneumonia, bronchitis, Coughs, Colds and Grip prove its matchless merit for all throat and lung troubles. Guaranteed bottles 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at Chas. Rogers' drug store.

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The demands for sleeping car space in the Denver & Rio Grande's popular through tourist excursions have been so great, three such excursions will be run on the next and last selling dates—October 3, 4 and 5. On each of these days special tourist excursions will be run from Portland without change of cars over the "Scenic Line of the World." October 3 there will also be run a special Pullman excursion. These cars will make stops en route at Salt Lake City and Denver, affording excursionists an opportunity of viewing the various points of interest about those cities. The daylight ride through the heart of the Rockies—God's art gallery of nature—is the grandest across the American continent.

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